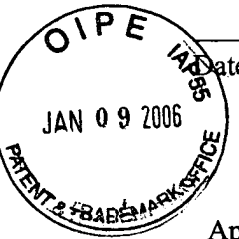


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Appl. No. : 10/698,142

Confirmation No. : 2932

Applicant : Scott E. Moore

Filed : October 31, 2003

Attorney Docket No. : 500170.14

Art Unit : 3723

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Maurina T. Rachuba

Title : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONDITIONING AND MONITORING MEDIA  
USED FOR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for an additional two-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action of August 5, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated December 19, 2005, from December 5, 2005, to January 5, 2006. A previous petition for a one-month extension of time was submitted with the requisite fee of \$120 on December 5, 2005, and this amount is therefore deducted from the total

fee due for the two months of extension now requested. Thus, the extension fee due with this request is \$330. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$1120, which includes \$330 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 5, 2005.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ Submission enclosed
  - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

**3. Accompanying Papers**


- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Check
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
- ☐ Petition

#### 4. Deposit Account

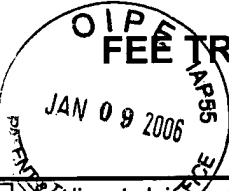

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 4, 2006

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